

North Rainier Neighborhood Plan Update Workshop

March 21, 2009

AGENDA

- 9:00 **Introduction**, Marcia Wagoner, Facilitator
- Welcome**, Ray Gastil, Planning and Development
- Welcome**, Councilmember Sally Clark
- Overview of day**, Marcia Wagoner (
- Overview of project**, Lyle Bicknell, Planning and Development
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- 9:30 **Topical work groups** (50 min each)
- Creating Choices for Living, Working and Recreating**
 Shaping a Transit-Friendly Neighborhood; and
 Towards Sustainability
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- 12:00 **Lunch**
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- 12:30 **Key emerging themes**
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- 1:00 **Next steps**
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- Note:** **Next North Rainier Plan Update Meeting**
 Saturday, May 16. 2009
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Northwest African American Museum
 2300 SOUTH MASSACHUSETTS ST
 SEATTLE, WA 98144

For more neighborhood planning information or to leave comments go to:

http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Neighborhood_Planning

or call Kerry Wade at 206 733 9088 or Lyle Bicknell at 206 684 0763

GROUP ONE: Creating Choices for Living, Working, and Recreating

1. What makes your neighborhood the place you've chosen to work, live, or shop? *Follow up:* What would make it better? What types of housing opportunities does your neighborhood have now?
2. What type of housing opportunities would you like to see it have in the future? *Follow up:* As the community grows, changing housing costs could potentially affect some residents—where and for whom do you see the greatest potential challenge?
3. What unique character of your commercial district gives it its identity and what would you like to see preserved? *Follow up:* What types of goods, services and employment would you like to see near the transit stations, in your local business districts and accessible to the community?
4. How do you use the parks and community centers in your neighborhood or nearby today (exercise, take children to play, relax, informal gathering)? If you don't go to city parks, now, what change would make you want to use the parks more?

GROUP TWO: Shaping a Transit-Friendly Community for the Neighborhood

1. What unique characteristics contribute to the identity of your neighborhood center? As the community grows, what opportunities are there to build on that? *Follow up:* What things could change that would make it a better community for you?
2. In what ways could the arrival of new neighbors improve your community?
3. How would you like to meet your daily and weekly needs for goods and services today (walk, bike, bus, car)? How could you have more choices? *Follow up:* What would need to change for you to be able to do this?
4. What services are important to you as your neighborhood grows? *Follow up:* What opportunity does this growth provide?

GROUP THREE: Towards Sustainability

1. "Sustainable Development" has been defined as: "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." When applying this idea to your life and your community, what does "sustainability" mean to you? What would "sustainable development" look like in your community?
2. Parks, open spaces, the urban forest and other natural areas provide breathing room, shade and opportunities for rest and relaxation, contribute to environmental quality and provide wildlife habitat. How would you expand and enhance these opportunities in your community?
3. The new light rail and reliable bus service provide alternatives to driving and are better for the environment. Will you be using the light rail? If yes, how will you get to the station nearest to where you live?
4. Walking and biking can also be healthier choices - for you and for the environment. Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go by walking or biking? How about for your children getting to school?
5. Global climate change is a serious concern. What steps should our community take to address this problem?